

Remarks

In this amendment, the specification has been amended to correct typographical errors as per the Examiners instructions.

Claims 1-14 are pending in this application. In the Office Action mailed September 28, 2004, the Examiner indicated that the application was in condition for allowance except for informalities objections. Claims 1, 4,7,8 11and 12-14 have been amended to correct informalities identified by the Examiner.

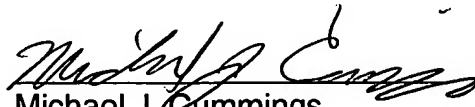
With regard to the Examiners objection to claim 4 and the perceived overlap of subject matter of the "slot" of that claim and the "mounting mechanism" of claim 1, no change has been made. Applicant submits that the scope of claim 1 is broader, and that claim 4, while including some overlapping subject matter, is more narrow. It is not believed that the overlapping subject matter creates a defect in the claim, and that dependent claims describing specific embodiments of a feature in an independent claim is standard practice.

With regard to claim 5, the Examiner requested that the word "the" be inserted before "threaded." Applicant submits that no amendment is necessary because there is no antecedent basis for "a threaded segment" as recited in claim 5, or in the claims from which it depends. Accordingly, it is requested that this objection be withdrawn.

As per the Examiners objections to the drawings, the annotated sheets, marked in red, show the changes made to correct Fig. 1 and Fig. 10. The drawings are now in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d). Formal replacement sheets are filed concurrently herewith.

In view of the amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are now in a condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael J. Cummings", is written over a horizontal line.

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Annotated Sheet Showing Changes



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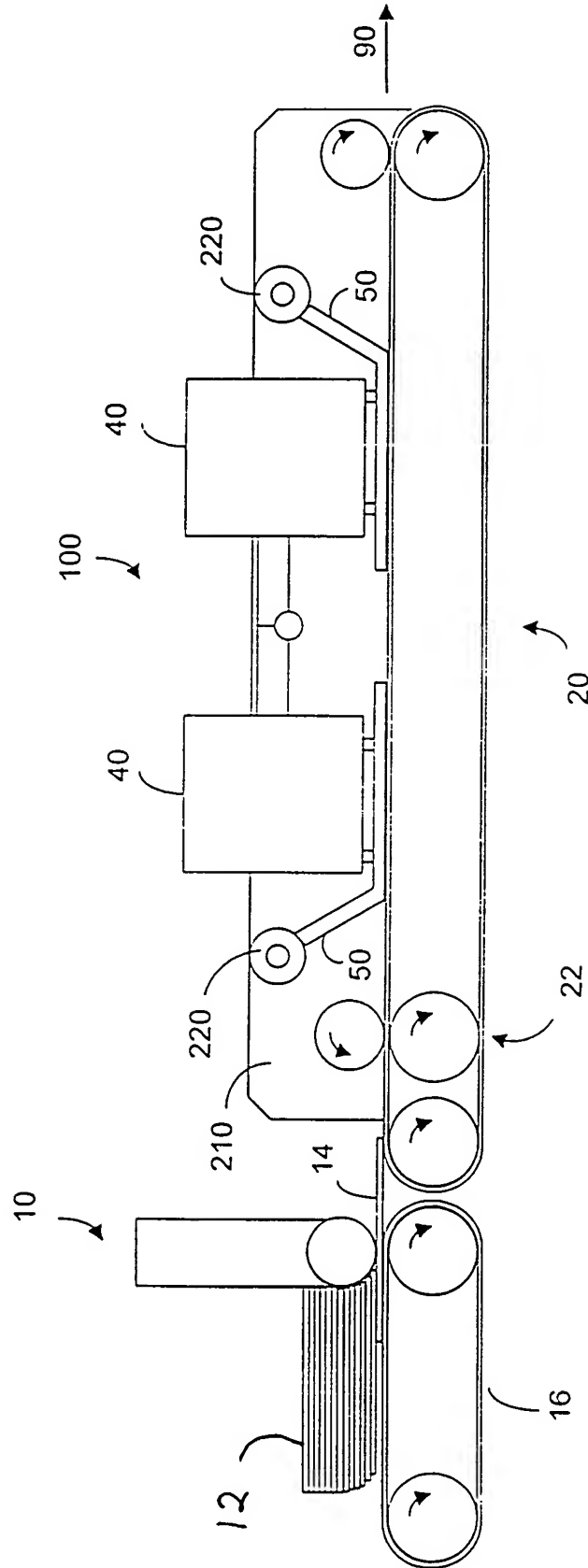


FIG. 1

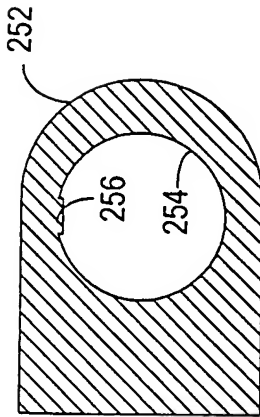


FIG. 9

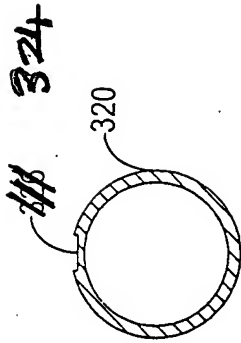


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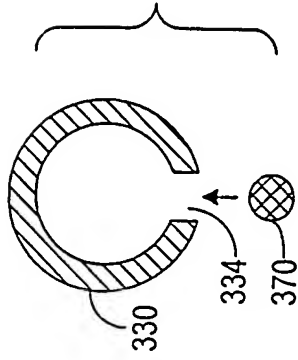


FIG. 11

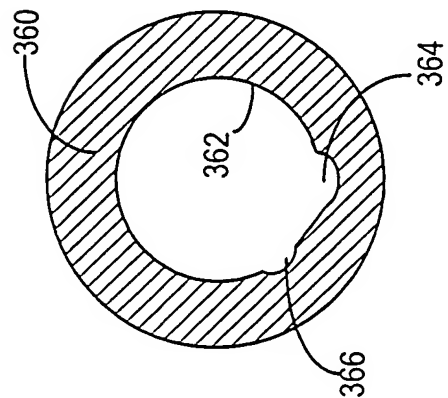


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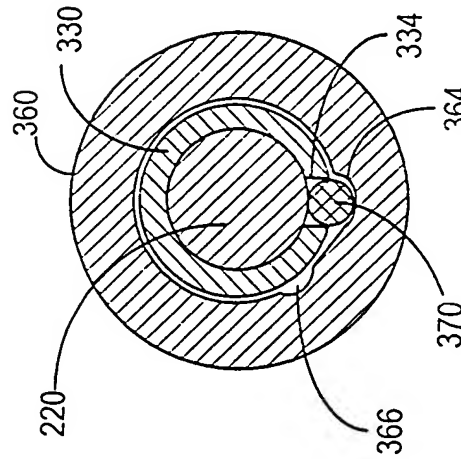


FIG. 13

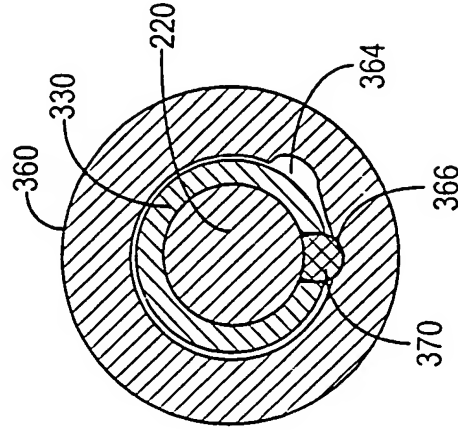


FIG. 14